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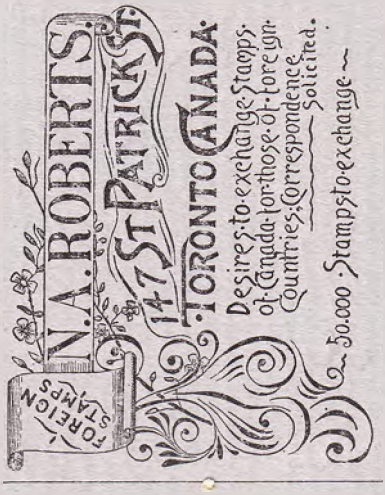
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Mr. W. H. Brouse.

We are pleased to be able to submit to our readers a portrait of the President of the Toronto Philatelic Club, as a frontispiece of the December number of "The International Philatelist."

Mr. W. H. Brouse was born at Prescott, County of Grenville, Ontario, in May, 1859, and is a son of the Honorable Senator Brouse, M.D., of United Empire Loyalist descent, and is consequently a Canadian. In 1876 he commenced the study of law, was called to the bar in 1882, and at the present time is a member of the extensive legal firm of Messrs. Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbitt & Chadwick, of this city, and actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He still finds time, however, to devote to Philately, in which he takes great interest. His first efforts in that direction began in 1868, from which dates the commencement of his, at present, large collection. Up to three or four years ago he was what might be termed a "general collector," and his collection numbers upwards of 10,000 varieties; but lately he has concentrated his energies principally to British North America, and, at the present, his collection of these may be considered as among the foremost. To his efforts was largely due the formation of the "Toronto Philatelic Club," which has, we have no doubt, a very successful future before it. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the "Canadian Philatelic Association," is a member of the "London Philatelic Association," and also of the "American Philatelic Association."

The first philatelic paper was published December, 1864, by S. Allan Taylor. It was called the Stamp Collectors Record and was first published in Albany, N.Y., and afterwards in Boston and New York, respectively. Forty-four numbers in all appeared before it was discontinued in October, 1876, after twelve years of existence.

1892.

This number will bring to a close this memorable year of 1892, and we may, we feel assured, look back in pleasant contemplation upon the many events that have characterized it. Some of them have been radical, to say the least; still, all have pointed to and no doubt played their part in the onward, and as some may doff it, the "ever too rapid advance." While this is speaking generally, there has been too an individual stride taken in particular matters themselves, and in the "craze" which we champion, perhaps, no time indeed has there been the active interest taken in Philately that there is displayed at the present day; and we feel that this is not the zenith after which a retrograde movement will take place, but only a period in that sure advance which is in progress.

If the reader will pause and contemplate what the state of matters was, he will find that not very long ago catalogues were few, and those not any too reliable; works of Philately were almost unknown, and societies could be numbered on one's fingers. Compare this state of things with the present, and we are compelled to admit that the change is wonderful. We now have works by some of the strongest and most eminent writers of the day upon almost every imaginable branch into which Philately could be divided. Catalogueing has become almost a science, and the most minute differences and distinctions are discerned, which to the novice at first sight must seem rather disheartening and confusing. Journals and publications are printed and circulated, each as a mouthpiece of that progress which is going on in its own particular locality; and above all, active measures are being taken in the courts and otherwise by concerted action to bring to account those who would profit by forgeries, deceptions, etc., and the facts in nearly every instance become so generally

known of the particular forgery or fake that others are so well warned against it, that its repetition is highly improbable. Hitherto, Philately has been considered the occupation of school boys and the like. But what a change in this respect has taken place! Now among its most ardent disciples can be numbered members of royal families, of nobility, judges, clergymen, professional gentlemen, and officers of the army and navy, etc., etc. Indeed, when its researches and adherents are endeavored to be measured mutually, we call a halt, and conclude that its followers are a powerful class of people, and not one of them need demur in admitting that he is even a humble collector.

The Numismatist and the Curioso are rapidly being left in the background as collectors. While the above is true the world over, we, here in Canada, note with considerable pride the very great interest displayed in our British North American stamps, and we are not alone in the opinion in stating that no particular class of stamps are so keenly sought after as these; and further, that they are the most complete in design, color, etc., of any stamps issued. We must, however, not lose sight of our Australian friends, whose early issues they may be justly proud of. We take pride, also, in the likeness of our Sovereign, and of our Canadian and other emblems embodied in them, which make them of a truly British character.

A collector, not long ago, when questioned as to his collection, stated it was general: that is, he had stamps from all parts of the world, namely, Britain and her Colonies. Is this not a theme for our Imperial Federation friends?

We learn that there are a large number of sales of magnificent collections to take place in London, and that there is a possibility of "seventy-five sales" in New York City during the coming season. Those, in connection with the conventions to be held at Chicago, and the exhibits in connection with the World's Fair, and also possible exhibitions in Europe next summer, certainly do not have the appearance in the least of any diminution of interest in Philately. So we trust, with all confidence, that by the close of 1893, we shall see still greater things.

There is a duty of thirty per cent. on postage stamps entering Canada.

A New Society.

We have been informed by Mr. L. S. Graham, of St Catharines, that a new society is in process of formation. It is intended for the younger collectors of Canada and will somewhat resemble the S. of P. Mr. Graham wishes all collectors over fifteen years of age to write him, giving their name, age, address, and two references, also what they would consider a suitable name for the Society. Address all letters to L. S. Graham, Secty., pro tem., St. Catharines, Ont.

[Written for the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST.]

Counterfeits.

BY L. I. G. (S.C.)

One of the great drawbacks to Philately is counterfeits. Although there are by no means the number of counterfeiters that there were a few years ago, still they seem to flourish all over the world. France and Spain probably produce the bulk of counterfeit stamps issued. They are usually printed on paper with a smooth surface and look as if they have been rubbed with oil. Some of the finest counterfeits, however, are made in Germany, and many of them cannot be detected except by a very close microscopical comparison with the genuine stamp.

Some of the earlier issues of Spain seem to be the counterfeiter's delight. Among the most dangerous of these may be mentioned the 10 res. green and the 6 res. blue of the 1850 issue; also the 2 res. scarlet and the 2 res. red of the 1853 issue. Considerable of the difficulty with these stamps, however, has been overcome by the clear and concise descriptions of them recently published in the Philatelic Journal of America from the pen of Mr. J. K. Tiffany.

One thing that has bothered many a counterfeiter is to get the watermarks right. Unfortunately they have very nearly reached perfection in this respect also, and what was once a sure proof of the genuineness of a stamp is now almost useless as a guide. Perhaps it is teaching us to study our stamps more than before, but it seems rather hard to have to examine every stamp you get through a powerful microscope (and possibly have to get the word of some expert), before being able to admit it into your album as a bona-fide specimen.

The Brown Two-Cent Registration, Canada.

A great deal of discussion has from time to time taken place as to the question of whether the two cent registration Canadian stamp of 1875 was ever issued from the Post Office Department colored brown, and the many doubts expressed do not possibly represent only a small fraction of what may be entertained by those who have not taken the trouble to make known their views on the subject.

If the majority of opinions are taken to be correct, there would be little doubt left, but there are only two or three facts in connection with the matter which can be brought forward to prove adversely, and these are in themselves, we consider, beyond controversy.

About the beginning of 1887, specimens of a brown two-cent register had been observed and in that way, no doubt, brought to the notice of the Postmaster of one of the principal cities, who, having written to the post office, from where the stamp had made its appearance, received from the Postmaster of the latter office a reply, wherein he stated that "he had at the time, 23 of such stamps and had obtained them from the department two or three years since." He further stated that they could not possibly have changed color, "they were brown when he got them." Subsequently, from another provincial town a letter must have been posted with one of the same colored brown two-cent stamps, and in the beginning of the year 1890 the Postmaster of this place was also written to, and in reply he said that "the stamps were of the same color as when he received them from Ottawa."

The two letters from which the above extracts were taken are before us, and beyond question were written by the respective Postmasters who purported to sign same and who had no interest one way or the other whatever, in stating but what was the fact.

We have before us a specimen of this famous two-cent brown which we find is of more distinct and pronounced color and could not have undergone any chemical or other change of ink. A number of specimens have been seen, which are claimed to be brown, but in comparison with the variety above referred to are clearly discolorations of the orange or vermillion.

In view therefore of the above, we have no hesitation whatever in concluding that the brown two-cent stamp was printed and issued in that color, whether in error or not it does not signify, for the fact remains that this brown stamp was officially used and is therefore entitled to be recognized and catalogued as such.

We observe that the two-cent registration is catalogued as orange, also a vermilion. The brown is far more worthy of recognition than the vermilion, which latter after all is only a deeper shade, possibly of the original orange color given to the stamp when first issued, and should therefore be catalogued as a distinct variety of Canadian postage stamp.

The Toronto Philatelic Club.

The fourth regular meeting of the T.P.C. was held on Wednesday evening Nov. 14th. The attendance was good and a slight increase on former meetings. The evening was profitably spent in exchanging stamps, and general social intercourse among the members. No business of any note was transacted.

The fifth regular meeting was held three weeks from the above date. There was a splendid turn out and during the evening three active members were enrolled, besides a number of corresponding members. The rules governing the auction department were read and approved. A number of visitors were present, among them were Mr. C. A. Needham, of Hamilton; Mr. A. A. Allison, of Belleville, and Mr. A. L. Doherty and brother of Chicago. Mr. E. Y. Parker gave an interesting account of his recent visit to Belleville and Montreal, and Messrs. Needham and Allison gave short speeches. At the conclusion of the meeting an auction sale was held and a good number of rare stamps sold.

The United States issued 2,419,145,773 ordinary postage, newspapers and postage stamps, in 1891.

200,000,000 adhesive postage stamps, 50,000,000 postage cards and 40,000,000 stamped envelopes were sold in New York city during 1889.

The Other Fellows.

Twelve pages and cover is the make up of the Quaker City Philatelist for November. "Canadensis" is evidently giving us a few straight hints under cover of a lot of nonsense in his article entitled "Philately's Pulchritudes." Notes of the three societies fill up the rest of the reading matter.

The Postal Card for November casually mentions us as "another youngster." Strikes me we are rather a healthy "kid" all the same. The P. C. is just as newsy as ever, and has our sympathy in not getting second-class rates. Ought to bring it over to Canada.

The Washington Philatelist is following the good example of some of the English papers in publishing pen and ink sketches of our prominent "stampists." A well written sketch is very nearly as good as a photo engraving and don't cost nearly as much.

The Collector is still publishing page after page of applications for membership in the S. of P. The sons are positively on a lightning increase.

Mr. Luhn has introduced a decided innovation in the Southern Philatelist this time. He has engaged (at an enormous expense, no doubt) a lady contributor, and if her first article is any sample she will soon beat some of the "boys." Cleve Scott, in a short but pithy article, contends that specialism is a necessity to the success of Philately. A number of other interesting things fill up the rest of the twenty-four pages. A "magnigorificent" Christmas number is promised, and we anxiously await its arrival.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist is replete with interest as usual. The U. P. A. have made a good choice for their official organ. "Nemo" evidently does not know just how matters stood when the "Stamp" was appointed official organ for the P. S. of C. There was practically no Canadian paper published this summer for nearly two months except the Dominion Philatelist, and a much longer delay might have seriously impaired the standing of the society. They will have plenty to choose from next year, though.

The Yankee Philatelist starts out with enough capital to run for twelve months. It wouldn't be a bad scheme to print it on better paper, and Mr. Williams might then expect some good returns for his money.

A pleasant contrast to the foregoing is the Post Office. Always on time, always interesting and always well printed, Mr. Gremmel can be congratulated on the fact of issuing one of the best papers published.

Any one could tell that the Metropolitan Philatelist came from the hands of a well established firm. It has a good staid appearance, which, however, does not hinder it from being a very interesting and newsy magazine.

Friend Hooper must have a very nonsensical fit on hand just at present, as he gives us another most villainous selection in the Eastern Philatelist. We are informed another Xmas number is in preparation from Mr. Pinkham's sanctum.

The American Philatelist must have been taking something quite bracing, as it is looking very spry this month. From what A. R. Rogers says, we think it will soon be time for all our dealers to take out auctioneer's licenses.

Mr. R. P. Spooner must be a very busy man, but he still finds time to run out a very fine paper. The P. S. of C. is evidently in good hands, as encouraging reports are coming in from all the officers.

The Detroit Philatelist does credit to the beautiful city it comes from. It is a marvel of neatness and news. By the way, curiosity compels us to ask who "Bark. N. Tine" is? We have noticed a number of selections from his clever pen lately. Such a gifted writer should not remain in obscurity any longer.

The Era for November is one of "Jewett's" best efforts. It is a model paper and one that every live collector should read. We conclude that after perusing this number of the Era, a certain Ottawa gentleman will be supposed to feel "squelched."

The Pentucket Philatelist is evidently determined not to do things by halves or wholes either. In fact, it seems to want two of everything. It has amalgamated with the Malden Philatelist, and is now running out two numbers together. So you practically get four papers for what you pay other people for one. And now as to quality. Seven pages of very interesting reading matter and one and the cover left for advertisements, make up the grand total of this great quadruple number.

The Golden Star seems to get hold of some good solid reading matter for its subscribers. The November number is well up to the usual standard.

The Curio is still the same size and no improvements. It wants a little ambition. No growth in eight volumes is terrifically slow.

One Dime wants a new set of type and a little better paper, and it will be a very readable little magazine.

And now for our own Canucks. The Canadian Philatelist for November is well up to Mr. Staebler's usual standard. The account of the International Philatelic Exhibition is very interesting, while the continuation of Philatelic sub-studies does not lessen the interest in the least. Mr. L. H. Benton has collected as many as forty different benefits to be derived from stamp collecting, and offers them as undeniable proof of the value of our hobby. A number of interesting notes and editorials wind up the repast.

Our other Forest City aspirant, The Philatelic Journal of Canada, comes out in splendid style. Number one of a series entitled "Our Philatelic Album" is a photo engraving of Ernest F. Wurtele, of C. P. A. fame. Cleve Scott contributes a Plea for the better of our societies. A whole grist of notes from the four corners of the earth complete a very interesting sixteen pages. "But a nice colored cover would be a vast improvement, Bro. Bernstein."

The Dominion Philatelist has introduced a feature in its last few numbers, that is not an improvement. I refer to putting advertisements on all the pages with reading matter. It may be good for the advertisers, but it almost spoils the pleasure of reading an otherwise excellent magazine.

Contrary to expectations, the Ottawa Philatelist has issued another number. It consists of eight pages and cover, and is printed on poor paper. Of course "Canadensis" is the chief contributor. We do not comment on any personal remarks after reading the rest of the review. The remarks about the Era and Post Office show clearly that the reviewer has no idea of what a good philatelic paper is. The Ottawa Philatelist, 262 Clarence street, Ottawa, published in Lynchburg, Va.

Mekeel's Weekly comes to hand regularly. The Canadian notes are generally a little behind. In No. 101 Mr. Hooper (Canadensis) says all the Canadian papers are late this month (probably meaning November). The International was out on the 16th and the Canadian Philatelist a few days later. He is probably thinking of the Ottawa Philatelist.

And there is a rival in the field. The Weekly Philatelist has made a humble but most decided start, and is showing a gradual working up tendency already. Mr. R. M. Miller is evidently following out the same plan as he did with the Collector. We most sincerely wish it as good success.

We have before us a French paper called "L'Annonce Timbrologique," in which Mr. M. Magules, of Buenos Ayres, kindly requests, among others, that the C. H. Mekeel Stamp Co'y would pay him what they owe him (or what he imagines they owe him). Cannot something be done to stop this wholesale slander of almost all our large American firms, by small and almost unknown foreign correspondents who imagine they have a grievance? That paper may get into the hands of perhaps a large number of foreign collectors, and it will not increase their good opinion of Americans and American firms, when what is supposed to be the leading firm is published as a fraud. Better send out some philatelic missionaries to enlighten these dark heathens.

Mr. Frank R. Hoyt's bright little paper, the Philatelic Argosy, is as usual very interesting. The entire eight pages are filled with reading matter of the best kind. Mr. Hoyt has secured the coveted second-class rates.

The Philatelic Tribune is with us once more and is filled with notes and advertisements. The usual auction catalogue is enclosed.

We have also received the following. Publishers will please accept our thanks: Monthly Visitor, November and December; Curio, August; the Reporter, North Star, Holden's Auction Catalogue.

Mr. A. L. Doherty, of Chicago, has been in the city for the last few months. He intends returning to Chicago shortly and opening up a numismatic and philatelic office.

Interesting Notes

BY

DR. SANFORD FLEMING BEFORE THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE, TORONTO.

At the Canadian Institute, Saturday evening, Dec. 17th, the attendance was much larger than usual, attracted no doubt by the three very interesting and important papers announced to be read by Dr. Sanford Fleming, C.M.G.—1, "Ocean Steam Navigation"; 2, "Early Steamboats"; 3, POSTAGE STAMPS."

The following are a few of the matters touched upon by Dr. Fleming in the latter paper on postage stamps. After a very interesting sketch on the history of postage stamps and of the postal service in Canada, Dr. Fleming proceeded to point out some defects in our Canadian postage stamps. It was with no desire to cast any reflection on the Hon. James Morris, under whose auspices great postal reforms were initiated, and the writer pointed out that the stamps introduced by him were anything but faultless. Forty years' experience has established that the designer employed by Mr. Morris failed to recognize the essential features which a postage stamp should possess; and strange as it may seem, the worst feature of the original faulty design still remains. Stamps of different values are necessary for the prepayment of letters and postal packets varying in weight. Obviously a postage stamp should on its face plainly indicate its value so that it should present no difficulty to the person using it. The threepenny stamp of 1851 had on its four corners a small figure "three" (3) to denote its value, its designer seemingly ignoring the fact that one large figure would be plainer than any number of small ones. We may trace to this source the crucial defects of every Canadian stamp since issued, for whatever changes have been made in those printed from year to year since the first introduction, the small figures to indicate their denominations have been constantly adhered to. It is true that with the intention of assisting the eyes, stamps are printed in different colors, but this mode of distinction in no way mends matters to those suffering from color blindness. In truth it aggravates the evil, as some of the colors used render the stamps, especially in certain lights, next to invisible. In urging that the design of our Canadian postage stamps be reconsidered and remodelled he offered two suggestions. FIRST, that the Queen's head be retained, but on a reduced scale, and so placed that it will occupy the upper half of the stamp, leaving in the lower half ample space for a single large figure to represent the value. This course is now followed in some of the more recent English stamps, he would instance the twopence halfpenny stamp used for foreign postage. SECOND, another course would be to substitute the Crown for the Queen's head, placing it over a panel or shield, on which would be inscribed in plain figures the denomination of the stamp. He held that the employment of colors should be secondary as a means of distinguishing one stamp from another. He submitted that it should be held to be an essential feature of all stamps hereafter issued that the distinctive number be so plain and so conspicuous and so unmistakable as to be easily recognized by all persons under ordinary circumstances.

Dr. Fleming then urged that the council of the Canadian Institute bring the matter to the notice of the Government.

Mr. W. H. Brouse who was present at the meeting made a few remarks upon the subject of Dr. Fleming's notes and held that the threepenny beaver of 1851, whatever its defects were was still in advance in the direction mentioned by Dr. Fleming inasmuch as the "Mulready" and subsequent British stamps issued prior to that date, did not show the values in figures. He held that in no case should the Queen's likeness be dispensed with if a new issue were determined upon.

Col. Fred Denison, M.P., stated that color blindness was much more prevalent than was generally thought and further, that persons sometimes affected in that way are not aware of the fact.

Wise and Otherwise.

A question that often bothers collectors and small dealers is to know whether getting stamps from a large dealer is better than by foreign correspondence. I have found the following plan to work very well in my own case. Buy the majority of your stamps from a reliable dealer, and have only two or three good foreign correspondents. In this way you will always have a well assorted stock, and still have a number of rarities from the countries in which you have your correspondents.

I noted last month that a 5 cent register

had been found watermarked. Since then a number of six cent, 1868 issue, have also been found watermarked. None of these watermarks are official, as they are merely trade marks or names of the paper manufacturers, and the question arises, are these stamps really a variety worthy of the name and the price paid for them? Merely as a curiosity they are interesting, but I do not think them worth any more than the ordinary stamps.

A great many of the so-called frauds today are the results of carelessness. In nine cases out of ten, the stamps are received, and looked over, and probably only one or two are wanted. These are taken off, and then, instead of returning the sheets, they are put away possibly in some desk, or else carried round for a few weeks. Dealers are not usually overstocked with patience, and the consequence is that the collector is published as a fraud when a little business principle would save all the trouble. Never keep sheets over a week. If you have not got the money to pay for all you want, write your dealer to that effect, and he will gladly give you another week or so in which to pay up.

Right here in Canada, seems to be about the hardest place to get old Canadian stamps. Any pence issue, and even some of the later stamps, are as good as cash any day for full catalogue value.

Auction sales seem to be on the increase this winter. More rare stamps will be sold in this way than ever before, and yet it is safe to predict that prices will not be in any way affected. Specialism is evidently the cause of this almost wholesale disposal of rarities, as the majority of collectors selling are not going to give up philately altogether, but are reserving their collections of certain countries.

A number of counterfeits of the small "service" surcharge on the 1866 issue India have drifted this direction. Quite a large quantity were received by a prominent collector here just a few days ago, but were returned with thanks. JEP.

Mr. L. Miller, of New York, was in the city on the 3rd inst.

The Toronto Philatelic Club now numbers 48 members, exactly half the membership of the Canadian Philatelic Association.

Exchange Notes.

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Ten good stamps for every stamp paper sent me. U.S. 1 and 2 cent 1890 wanted, and ½ cent Canada. Consignments solicited. A. E. Bennett, Williamsville, Mass.

New safety bicycle of latest design; worth $125. Will exchange for postage stamps. H. J. S. Dingman, 44 Close avenue, Parkdale.

100 foreign stamps, all different, for every 1000 United States and Canadian stamps, except 3 cent red Canada. Queen City Stamp Co., Box 2591, Toronto.

I want all kinds of U. S. and British North American stamps in exchange for GOOD foreign. Approval sheets at 50 per cent. commission, lowest prices! New 72 pp. catalogue FREE! H. Flachskamm, 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

Wanted—Long Island Phil, No. 5; Neb. Stamp, No. 1; Phil. Tribune, No. 1 to 45; Golden Star, Vol. I., No. 1 to 6; Montreal Philatelist, Niagara Falls Philatelist, Halifax Phil. Send for want list, also list of duplicates. W. S. Weatherston, 13 Peter street, Toronto, Canada.

Stamps to exchange on the basis of Scott's catalogue. Send sheets and I will reciprocate. E. J. Phillips, 23 Draper St., Toronto.

I have a fine selection of coins for exchange at catalogue value. Let me know what you want. J. E. Day, 10 Clarence square, Toronto.

Old issues British North American, British Colonial, and United States postage stamps, also one old collection wanted. Correspondence with collectors in British Colonies and Foreign countries desired for exchanging. H. C. Champ, 127 Wellington street west, Toronto.

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Editorial Notes.

Mr. A. Allison, formerly of Belleville, Ont., is now residing in this city. Mr. Allison is the veteran train despatcher of the G.T.R. He has been in Belleville for the last nine years and before that was in Kingston. He is an enthusiastic collector and we welcome him.

Heretofore we have not had very much to say about ourselves in the columns of this paper, but as the success of this venture is assured, a few words may not be out of place. Just before issuing our November number an important change was made in the editorial staff. Messrs. Geo. A Lowe and E. J. Phillips becoming partners with Mr. W. S. Weatherston, the original editor. Both gentlemen have had considerable experience in matters philatelic, and no pains will be spared to make the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST Canada's best stamp magazine. The number we now present to our readers is a fair sample of what is to follow. Arrangements are now being completed to have a supplement every month, to consist of either a photo engraving of some prominent philatelist, or an interesting illustration of some philatelic subject. Of course all this costs money, but we are not running this paper for a money making scheme, and if, at the end of the year our subscribers can say that we have given the best value for their money we shall feel perfectly satisfied.

It would suggest itself that the local Philatelic Club here has a great future before it, as the present membership is close on to fifty. This speaks volumes in view of the fact that the C.P.A. an organization of some years' standing has not, according to their showing, a membership of eighty-six. We hope though, that the C. P. A. will benefit through the awakening that has occurred in this city.

"Anybody want to bet there won't be six weeklies by this time next year?"

Rumors of the formation of a new Canadian Society reach us. Is it going to be "incorporated?"

A post card from India came into Canada recently, addressed to the Philatelic Journal, Canada. It came straight to the office of the "INTERNATIONAL."

We notice in one of our French exchanges that friend Spooner caters to the foreign element by spelling his name 'Ralf' instead of Ralph. Who authorized the translation?

A Chance for You.

To the first three subscribers to this paper that send us the correct number of words on page 5 of the January issue of this paper we will give—

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Statutes of the Toronto Philatelic Club.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE CLUB HELD ON THE 2ND NOV., 1892.

Statute I.—NAME.

This Society shall be known as the Toronto Philatelic Club.

Statute II.—OBJECTS.

The Club is formed to encourage and contribute to the increase of the science and practice of Philately, and to promote :—

Article (1)—The study of postage and telegraph stamps. stamped envelopes, newspaper and other bands and cards, their history, engraving, printing and other details.

(2)—The detection and prevention of forgeries and frauds in connection therewith.

(3)—The production and publication of papers, essays and works bearing on these subjects.

Statute III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Article (1)—All persons (ladies as well as gentlemen) interested in the aforesaid objects are eligible as members to the club.

(2)—Any member under the age of eighteen years shall, if required by the Committee, give to the satisfaction of the Committee a written guarantee by a responsible party for such financial or other obligation to the Club as he may incur.

(3)—The name of any candidate for admission, together with his address, shall be forwarded to the Secretary, signed by the mover and the seconder, and are to be considered for acceptance or rejection by the Committee within two weeks from its receipt by the Secretary, and if approved of by the Committee, the applicant shall be considered as elected a member of the Club. If the Committee reject the same, the application for membership is refused. In case of election the Secretary shall at once notify in writing the applicant of his election.

(4)—For the purposes of election two negative votes of Committeemen shall be sufficient for the rejection of a candidate for election as member.

(5)—No member's resignation shall be considered until his accounts with the Club are settled.

(6)—The Club shall be composed of—

(a)– Senior active or city members.

(b)—Junior active or city members.

(c)—County or corresponding members.

(d)—Honorary members.

(7)—Active or City members shall consist of such persons as reside at Toronto, or have their place of business within a radius of 12 miles of the Toronto General Post Office.

(8)—County or Corresponding members shall consist of persons over eighteen years of age, other than the above residing outside of such radius, and who wish to ally themselves with the Club and aid in promoting its objects, and may at any time attend the Society's meetings.

(9)—Honorary members consist of those who may be considered deserving of the distinctive title and so be elected by the Club, and as such, are not to be required to pay any subscription.

(10)—Junior active or city members shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club, but upon attaining the age of eighteen years become Senior active or City members, and thereupon entitled as such to vote, upon payment of such fee as may be payable by a Senior active or Cit, member.

(11)—If any charge or matter affecting the good character or conduct of any member shall be brought before the Committee it shall be their duty at a meeting summoned for that purpose after giving full opportunity to such member to deny or explain the charge, to expel or remove such member whenever the Committee is satisfied that his character or conduct is inconsistent with the objects or well being of, or injurious to the Club. Two-thirds of those present must concur in any resolution to that effect, and such resolution shall be subject to appeal to the Club, to be made not later than the second regular meeting following the passage of the resolution.

(12)—Members may at any time bring a friend with them to be present at a meeting, but the same friend is not to be brought more than twice in any one season.

Statute IV.—COMMITTEE.

Article (1)—The affairs and business of the Club are to be conducted by a committee of eleven Senior Active or City members, viz :—President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Auction and Sales Superintendent and seven other members who shall hold

office until their successors be elected. For the purposes of the meetings of the Committee four members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman of the Committee shall have the casting vote in case of a tie.

(2)—The Committee shall have power to fill vacancies in their number for the unexpired term, and the Secretary-Treasurer or Auction or Sales Superintendent may also be a member of the Committee, in which case, during the time he shall hold office, or offices, as such the positions may be merged.

Statute V.—Meetings.

Article (1)—The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and in his absence the Vice-President, or failing, him a Senior member of the committee present, or failing these a chairman to be selected by those present. For the transaction of business, seven members in good standing having paid their dues, etc., shall form a quorum.

(2)—The meetings are to be held in Toronto on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, or on such dates and at such time and places as the Committee may appoint, of which four days' previous notice may be given by post to all Senior and Junior active members and to such Country or Corresponding members as may signify in writing to the Secretary their desire for such notice.

(3)—The order of business shall be as follows: 1, Roll call. 2, Reading and approval of minutes. 3, Reports of committees. 5, Communications. 6, Unfinished business. 7, New business.

(4)—The last meeting held in October of each year shall be the annual general meeting, at which the report of officers shall be read and considered, and the election and instalment of new officers, which shall be by ballot, shall take place.

(5)—All the accounts and correspondence of the club shall, in the discretion of the Chairman, be produced at any meeting, on due notice given to the officer for the time being responsible for their custody.

(6)—The Secretary-Treasurer conducts the correspondence and general business of the Club, keeps the minutes, and has charge of the collection of the annual dues and the custody of the funds of the Club. He is to present a balance sheet of such funds to the Committee at such times as the Committee may require for the purpose of audit or otherwise.

Statute VI.—Subscriptions.

Article (1)—The annual subscription for Senior active or City members shall be $1.50 per annum.

(2)—The annual subscription for Junior active, or City members, and also of Country or Corresponding members shall be 75c.

(3)—The subcriptions shall be payable annually, in advance, on the 1st day of October in each year, and no member who has not paid his or her subscription shall be entitled to vote.

(4)—All members who have not sent their subscription to the Treasurer by the 1st of January, or explained their not having done so to the satisfaction of the committee, may be considered to have resigned their membership, and to become members of the Club again they will have to be elected in accordance with the provisions of Statute 3.

(5)—Members wishing to withdraw from the Club shall notify their intention to the Secretary on or before the 1st of October in order to avoid liability in respect of the following year's subscription.

Statute VIII.—General.

Article (1)—The Club at any ordinary meeting, upon notice given with that of the date of the meeting, can enter upon any special business, including suspension, addition to, or alteration of any of these statutes.

(2)—In the absence of any Statute relating to the dealing with any particular matter, or thing, not by them provided for, the Committee shall have full power and authority from time to time to make such rules and regulations as may be deemed by them advisable in the premises.

(3)—All matters and things pertaining to the duties of any of the officers, and as to the conduct of the Exchange and Auction Department and the fees or commission to be charged or allowed to the Superintendent on the sale or exchange of any stamps shall be in the discretion of and subject to the approval of the Committee who may require that a portion or share of the said commission be handed over to the Secretary-Treasurer, and shall be dealt with by him in the

same manner as other moneys coming into his hands for subscription or otherwise.

(4)—The Committee may require that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Auction and Exchange Superintendent give satisfactory security for the proper disposition and custody of all moneys, or stamps, that may come into his or their hands, and the Club shall not be liable for any stamps placed by members with the Sales or Auction Superintendent, or for the payment over by him of any moneys resulting therefrom. The Superintendent shall be personally responsible and account to the members therefor.

(5)—The Committee shall have power to establish, if they deem advisable, a library, and make such rules as to the regulating and carrying on of the same as to them may seem meet.

Notes from Across the Border.

It is not generally known that Congress granted special privileges to Mrs. Sarah Polk, Mrs. Lucretia R. Garfield and Mrs. Julia D. Grant, allowing them to send matter through the mails under their respective autographs without the payment of postage.

Another postal peculiarity is the fact that mail sent in "official envelopes" is entitled to free registration also.

The employees of the New York Post Office will not hold a ball this year because no one cares enough about getting "solid with the administration" to buy the tickets. It is confidently expected that there will be an "earthquake" in the Department next year. For the sake of the publishers it is to be hoped there will be.

Philately has a number of representatives in the mail service. Almost every philatelic publisher has some postmaster or clerk on his lists.

When John Wanamaker gets out of the Post Office Department perhaps we shall have a man in his place who will have some respect for publishers and one who will not try to make expressmen and telegraph boys of "Uncle Sam's gray soldiers."

Next to being a secret service man on the trail of a Kentucky "moonshiner" the railway mail service is the most dangerous in which a person can engage. The mail cars are ramshackle affairs which seldom fail to smash up beautifully in a collision and the service is so dangerous that it is practically impossible for the clerks to carry accident insurance. When a railway postal clerk is hurt so that he must stop work, his pay stops, and if he is killed that is the end of it as far as our government is concerned.

If the postal cars are not built as strongly as the best Pullman's then the clerks should be allowed indemnity for accidents, and in case of death resulting therefrom their families should receive compensation.

The sale of the new reply paid postal cards for advertising purposes has been enormous. It is quite the style to use half of one of the double cards, instead of the single card.

The rent of a lock box in the New York Post Office for a single month is enough to rent a box in a country post office for a year.

The boxes in the Brooklyn post office have plate glass in the doors. When there is a postal card in the box there is no difficulty in reading the message. In this respect the boxes are much worse than those in New York, for the glass fronts of the latter post office are covered by the metal part of the doors so that there are only small apertures through which the addresses, etc, in the box can be read. BEECHER OGDEN.

Root Them Out.

For some time past numerous complaints have reached Toronto of various persons who have got approval sheets of stamps and not returned them. So far, a diligent search has failed to bring forth any tangible result, but we publish two names, so that dealers will know just how to deal with them in case they receive their orders :

JAMES McKAY, 9½ Adelaide Street East.
THOS. WATSON, Room 7, Traders' Bank Bldg.

Mind, we do not intend to make a habit of publishing a black list, but we are determined to unearth these pests that are giving Toronto a bad name. We will give further particulars next month.

Referring to the above, Mr. Nash, Fort Wayne, Ind., writing to the Editor of this paper, under date of Dec. 2nd, says :

"The reason I do not advertise in Canadian papers is, that every customer I have had in Canada except one, has turned out to be a fraud, and it has about discouraged me in trying to do any Canadian business."

Around Town.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe recently found a pocket-book in his office teeming with choice pence issues of Canada and British Columbia to the value of about $150, together with $30 in cash. Finding on examination that it was the property of Mr. French, it was promptly returned to that gentleman.

At the auction sale of the T. P. Club, held on the 7th inst., there was very little buying, although many good things were offered. An unused Connell, with a reserve of $150, failed to find a purchaser. Mr. Sparks bought a fine sheet of pence Canada, for which he paid $115. G. A. Lowe offered a fine unsevered pair of 6d. Canada.

"Five twelve-pennies in Montreal, eh?" "Whew!"

A Toronto dealer is holding a six-pence lilac perforated at thirty dollars.

We notice in the Ottawa Philatelist that G. A. W., the writer of Belleville notes, states the Mr. A. A. Allison has moved to Montreal. This is incorrect, as Mr. Allison, has moved to Toronto, and intends to stay here.

The New York City Post Office, handled 889,088,463 pieces of mail matter during 1889.

It is reported that the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of New York, receives 5,000 to 10,000 letters daily.

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St. Catharines.

I don't know as I am any more enthusiastic stamp collector now than I was some years ago, but being a new arrival in the country I thought I would like to become acquainted with her philatelists.

Accordingly at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, p.m. of December 13th, I took my pony and went to St. Catharines, a distance of 12 miles.

I found 12 or 15 bright and enthusiastic stamp collectors, members of the Philatelic Society of Canada, who hold a meeting every two weeks in the county buildings. Quite a number of fine stamps changed hands.

Mr. Ed. C. Biggar, of Niagara Falls, South, was a visitor and had his U.S. collection and foreign duplicates with him, and disposed of quite a number.

Mr. Fred N. Wood, is vice-president of this branch and everything seems to be flourishing. ACARRO.

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PHILATELIC BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

The Weekly Philatelist, New Chester, Pa.

American Philatelic Magazine, Omaha, Neb.

The Philatelic Fortnightly, Minneapolis, Minn.

MARRIAGES.

The Western Philatelist and the Eagle Philatelist at Arkansas City, Kas.

DEATHS.

We are very glad to report that no deaths have occurred this month. That terrible disease, "Squelched-by-Hazen," is still among us, but the patients are all doing fairly well considering.

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